

## CLAIMS:

1. A method of composing a list (20) of TV or radio programs from a given transmission schedule (10) of the programs, comprising the steps of:
  - (a) selecting a program (102) from said schedule and adding it to the list,
  - (b) graphically representing the programs (102, 110, 111) of the list as bars over a timeline (30), the length and position of each bar corresponding to the duration and time of transmission of the corresponding program,
  - (c) selecting a program and removing it from the list, if necessary,
  - (d) repeating steps (a), (b), and (c) until the list is complete.
2. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that a priority is assigned to some or all of the programs (102, 110, 111) on the list (20), and programs or parts of programs overlapping in time are processed according to their priorities.
3. A method according to claim 2, characterized in that the values of the priorities are automatically initialized according to the sequence in which the programs are added to the list.
4. A method according to one or more of claims 2 to 3, characterized in that overlapping programs of the list are visually ordered as being in the foreground and in the background, respectively, and that the program in the foreground has the higher priority.
5. A method according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that the list (20) is used to control the recording of programs on a recording device.
6. A method according to one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that the list (20) is used to control the display of programs on an audio and/or video reproducing device.

7. A controller for an audio and/or video recording and/or reproducing device, including

(A) a memory for storage of the schedule (10) of available TV or radio programs,  
(B) an input device allowing a user to enter selections,

5 (C) a display unit for graphically representing programs of a list (20) of programs,  
the controller being adapted to

(D) execute a method according to at least one of the claims 1 to 6, in order to  
compose a list of programs,

(E) control the audio and/or video recording and/or reproducing device so as to  
10 process the programs according to said list.

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